

What is claimed is:

1. A poker gaming method involving rules of winning and losing for poker hands comprising:
 - 5 a. a player having a pair of aces and a pair of 8's with a fifth card that is neither an ace or an 8 has the highest hand and wins a predetermined multiple of the total amount that player has bet;
 - 10 b. a player having any two pair other than aces and 8's with a fifth card that is neither an ace nor an 8 has the second highest hand and is paid a lower predetermined multiple of the amount that player has bet;
 - c. a player having less than one pair and neither an ace nor an 8, has the smallest winning hand and wins the amount that player has bet; and
 - 15 d. a player having anything other than defined in paragraphs a-c loses and forfeits the amount that player has bet.
2. The poker gaming method of claim 1 wherein the poker hands are made from 4 player cards and a choice of 1 of 2 dealer cards
 - 20 3. The poker gaming method of claim 1 wherein more than one bet by the player is required to complete a poker hand.
 4. The poker gaming method of claim 1 wherein a single player plays a plurality of the poker hands.
 - 25 5. The poker gaming method of claim 4 wherein each player hand is made from 4 cards dealt to the hand and a selected one of two dealer cards.
 - 30 6. The poker gaming method of claim 1 wherein a machine deals the cards to the poker hands.
 7. The poker gaming method of claim 1 programmed into a video gaming machine, slot machine, or computer.
 8. The poker gaming method of claim 7 wherein a player plays more than one
 - 35 hand for each round of cards dealt.

9. A poker game comprising:

- a. for dealing four cards to each player hand and two dealer cards common to the player hands, so that one of the two dealer cards is selectable to make a poker hand for each of the player hands;
- 5 b. a player having a poker hand containing a pair of aces and a pair of 8's with a fifth card that is neither an ace nor an 8 has the highest hand and wins a predetermined multiple of the total amount that player has bet;
- 10 c. a player having a poker hand containing any two pair other than aces and 8's with a fifth card that is neither an ace nor an 8 has the second highest hand and is means paid a lower predetermined multiple of the amount that player has bet;
- 15 d. a player having a poker hand containing less than one pair and neither an ace nor an 8, has the smallest winning hand and wins the amount that player has bet; and
- e. a player having a poker hand containing anything other than defined in paragraphs b-d loses and forfeits the amount that player has bet.

10. The poker game of claim 9 programmed into a gaming machine or computer.

20 11. The poker game of claim 9 wherein more than one bet by the player is required to complete a poker hand.

12. The poker game of claim 9 wherein the means for dealing is a programmed machine.

25 13. The poker game of claim 9 wherein the final card dealt is the second dealer card.

14. A poker game comprising:

- a. a poker hand made from four cards dealt to a player and one of two dealer cards;
- 30 b. the poker hand winning a highest multiple of an amount bet if it contains two pair of aces and 8's and no unpaired ace or 8;

- c. the poker hand winning a lower multiple of an amount bet if it contains two pair other than aces and 8's and no unpaired ace or 8; and
 - d. the poker hand winning an amount bet if it contains less than a pair and no unpaired ace or 8.
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15. The poker game of claim 14 including rules of card play requiring betting during dealing of the four player cards and the two dealer cards.

16. The poker game of claim 14 programmed into a machine that deals the cards, handles betting, and determines payoffs.

10 17. The poker game of claim 14 wherein the machine deals more than one four card hand to the player.